Easton, March 28, 1842

My Dear Friend,

Douglass has this moment returned from his tour and appears highly delighted with his meetings in your place. I am confident that his labors will tell. I was pleased that he would have an opportunity to herald Bradburn's near approach, but he informs me that nothing was said about Bradburn's lecturing this week in Weymouth. Now, Anne I feel very much engaged. I fear that I shall lose my equanimity and run [illegible] into imperfect insanity. What the effect will be upon the mind of the Hartford

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et Whaleman, as Rogers calls our bold
adder friend, I am entirely unable
to predict. Deborah, who has resided
so long in the regions of sperm and
blubber, would, in this trying hour, be
of Great service. But she made her
exit this A.M. at 7 o'clock, and I am
left without a counselor.

You can atone for this obvious
neglect of duty only by throwing
yourself into the breach and see that
the most extensive notice is
given of Bradburn's meeting on
Wednesday evening. I shall send
some large handbills to Elias Richards.
If these bills are extensively posted
up in every part of the town, a large
meeting will, no doubt, be convened.
It makes Bradburn as snappish
as a Laplond Growler to have a thin
audience, especially if it is occasion

ed by any neglect on the part of the
friends in giving the notice. "Infamous
scoundrels" & "worthless wretches" are the
softest terms which he can use.

Will you send down to Elias
Richards, Sons delay, and show him
the absolute necessity of prompt
and efficient action?

What think you of Gidding's last step?
He was elected by upwards of 6000 ma-
jority & I trust he will be returned by a
greater majority even than that. He has
been most profoundly hated by all the
slaveocrats since his speech on the origin
and tendencies of the Florida war. Then his
introduction or presentation of a petition to
to dissolve the Union did not tend to allay
the prejudice against him. Any member
of congress from the north ought to have stood
with him and fallen back upon their con-
stituents. What a noise it would produce. But
we had no reason to expect anything like it.
I am disappointed in relation to the course of
our Massachusetts delegation. Gov. Par-
menter forgot his democratic chains
and voted against the censure.

"One of the best, if not the *very best* means of spreading at the North a just sense of the wickedness and horrors of American slavery, is abstinence from the products of *slave labor*."
—Gerrit Smith.

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